

NEWS OF MANCHESTER.

HAPPENINGS GATHERED FROM OVER THE JAMES YESTERDAY.

Death of Mrs. Alvin.—The County Democratic Convention—Services at Land. or Hall—Other News.

MANCHESTER BUREAU RICHMOND TIMES.—
Mrs. Augusta Alvin, wife of Mr. J. S. Alvin, died at 12 o'clock Wednesday, at the residence of her husband, 1118 McDermott street, aged thirty-eight years. She had been in very bad health for some time, and her demise was not unexpected. Her funeral was held at the residence at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and her remains were interred in Maury cemetery. The short and impressive services were conducted by Rev. J. A. Spencer.

It has not yet been positively decided as to the date of the holding of the county Democratic convention to make nominations for county officers, but it is likely that it will be held on April 15th, at the courthouse. There will probably be fifty delegates present.

The ten tramps arrested on Wednesday were discharged, on condition that they leave the city at once.

The signs of spring are beginning to show themselves, and the banks around quiet pools in the James are lined with drooping willows, leafy pulling in the silver perch and other toothy specimens of the smaller finny tribe.

The services at Leader Hall are drawing large crowds, and the interest is growing. The services begin at 7:30 o'clock each night.

The March term of the Hustings Court will begin next Monday. Nothing more than chancery business will be transacted.

Mr. B. Martin, of Hillsboro, was in the city yesterday. It is probable that he is looking after the interests of the Populists.

The remains of Mrs. Sarah C. Catlett, whose death was announced yesterday, were taken to Goodland county yesterday morning on the 8:45 train, by way of the Chesapeake and Ohio.

Miss Mabel Featherston, who continues quite ill at her residence on Eighth street.

Mr. John R. Roberts' condition was thought to be a little better yesterday.

Mrs. S. L. Fulkers, who has been very sick, is much better.

The County Court of Chesterfield has adjourned for the term.

Mr. A. J. Gilman, who resides on Third street, was reported to be very low yesterday.

Mr. Robert Puryear is quite ill at his residence on Lee street.

There was a slight fire at the residence of Mr. Frank Fitzgerald last night.

Mrs. T. W. Freeman is quite sick at her residence on Hull street.

TRIED TO WRECK A TRAIN.

Negroes Put Logs on the Chesapeake and Ohio Track.

On Tuesday morning about 5:30 o'clock one of the freight trains on the Chesapeake and Ohio ran into the track and broke a mile before it came to a stop.

Richmond. At the time the train was going up grade, otherwise there might have been a serious wreck. As it was, the engine was damaged, and had to be sent to the city for repairs. Last night, day C. O. Duke, a special policeman in the employ of the company, went to the scene of the wreck and discovered some negroes hiding near the track. The men ran away before they could be arrested, but not before the detective recognized them. Duke went before "Squire Larus" and swore out the following warrant against the parties, with the specific charge that they had maliciously obstructed the track of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company by placing oak logs on said track, thereby endangering the lives of travellers and other persons, and did damage the machinery of the said company.

Armed with this warrant Duke and Constable Samuels went to the house of a negro woman in Fulton, named Harris. Here they surprised a gang of negroes at the gaming tables. The constable took Mat Nelson, the negro whom he was after, into custody, but was unable to find Sam. Davis, the other party desired in the warrant. The gang of negroes scattered, and it is very probable that a case will be made out against the woman Harris for keeping a gaming house. Nelson was lodged in jail. "Squire Larus" permitted me to see the prisoner yesterday afternoon, upon which occasion I stated that I would ask no questions. He stated as his reason for requesting my silence that the negro had made a number of contradictory statements, and that he wanted to get certain evidence against the prisoner before he allowed him to talk for publication.

The "Squire" also told me that there might be several more parties connected with the wreck. I agreed to ask the prisoner no questions, but I did not intend to see him. I expected to be confronted by a hardened, crime-stained criminal train-wrecker; a bloodthirsty, ferocious negro villain, since it had required two officers, armed with the law and weapons, to effect his arrest, but instead I saw a small, fifteen-year-old negro boy, who was so scared when he saw us approach his cell, that he crouched into one corner of it and nearly dissolved himself into tears.

Samuels and Duke are out after the other train-wrecker.

CHAFING DISH COOKERY.

Mrs. Christine Torburne Herick Interests a Large Class.

A full class, representing the interest of the fashionable set and the "girl bachelors" element, greeted Mrs. Christine Torburne Herick yesterday at 1 o'clock yesterday in the parlor of the Woman's Exchange. This Mrs. Herick's first lesson, was so happy an introductory to the contemplated series that it is not improbable new classes will be formed at the general request.

The deftness and dispatch with which four savory dishes were prepared explained the popularity of the "chafing dish" for late evening suppers, etc., and the sound basis upon which it has become a reigning fad in the North, East, South and West.

The four dishes prepared were "ham and eggs," "curried eggs," "Scotch woodcock" and "Zabinski's Welch Rarebit."

The lesson was given in the most practical and informal way, and Mrs. Herick invited close observation and inquiry from all present. The conversational and easy style of the talk made it most enjoyable, and Mrs. Herick's genial, courteous and attractive personality added much to the fascinations of chafing dish cookery.

She has lectured in most of the large cities of the country, including New York, N. J., Albany, St. Louis, Louisville, Newburgh, Albany, New York, and in all of these has been, as in Richmond, greeted by large and fashionable classes.

The dates of the remaining 1 o'clock classes are the 19th and 22d.

At the next, "grilled salmon," "cream-shad roe," "deviled oysters" and "lobster" will be the dishes prepared, and at the third, "beefsteak," "sweetbread," "cream-tomatoes" and "chicken supreme."

HOPKINS NOT CRAZY.

The County Authorities Say There is No Foundation for the Report.

Clerk Waddell, of the Henrico County Court, yesterday afternoon gave to Jailer Russell the order of the court directing that Morris Hopkins shall be hung on April 23, between the hours of sunrise and sunset, at the place of execution, all officials regarding the report published in

the State of yesterday, to the effect that perhaps Hopkins is crazy. They were of the opinion that there was no foundation for such a report, and stated that as far as they were able to ascertain from daily contact with the condemned man he was as sane as any of the other prisoners. Mr. Ashburner, Major Ginter's road engineer, stated that Hopkins was one of the meanest negroes that ever lived.

The murderer himself said to me yesterday afternoon that he had been subjected all of his life to fits, and that he had a number of them since he has been in jail. He denied that he is crazy, and that his mind is affected, and says that he never felt better in his life. Hopkins' mother visited him yesterday, and some talk with her son in the presence of the deputy jailer.

The execution will take place in the driveway in the rear of the court-house on Twenty-second street. Each end of the gallows will be raised to a height of twenty-five feet, in order to shut out the gaze of spectators in the street or in neighboring windows. It will be possible, however, from the roofs of houses overlooking the court-yard, and many will doubtless take advantage of this. Hopkins' lawyers will make a last appeal to the Governor some time this week.

The erection of the gallows has not been begun yet.

Only the members of the press and a few officials will witness the execution.

For Friendless Children.

A Home for Friendless Children has lately been established near Bon Air. Children any age up to six or seven years are admitted. It is utterly homeless and friendless. The work is under the management of devoted Christian workers, the children receive the best religious instruction, and will be trained for lives of usefulness. It is a "work of faith and labor of love," and while no appeal is made to the public, children's clothing and provisions would be gratefully received, and if sent to the main street, will be duly forwarded.

Prevented Their Tribute.

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AUCTION SALES—This Day.

ELLIS & SEABRIGHT,
AUCTIONEERS.

Grand closing out and wind-up sale of A. N. Pollard's stock, 24 east Broad street.

TO-DAY AT 10:30 A. M.

1 GRAND UPRIGHT PIANO.

All kinds of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, CARPETS, RUGS, NOTIONS, LINEN

GOODS, &c.

This will be your last chance at Pollard's expense. Come and get the goods at your own price.

3-fine CARPETS, 2 handsome PARLOR SUITS, and many other goods.

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AUCTION SALES—Future Days.

By Cheving & Rose,
Real Estate Auctioneers,
No. 6 north Tenth street.

Trustee's Auction Sale

—OF THE—

Western Stables,

FORMERLY CONDUCTED BY

Bennett Brothers,

Nos. 601 and 603 W. Broad St.,

TOGETHER WITH HACKS, HORSES,

BUGGIES, PHLETONS, HAR-

NESS, ROBES, ETC.

In execution of a deed of trust to the undersigned, dated 8th day of March, 1895, from Bennett Brothers, composed of J. Bennett and A. W. Bennett, I will sell by auction, upon the premises, on

MONDAY, the 18th day of March, 1895,

at 12 o'clock P. M., in the order following:

First, All that certain LOT OR PARCELS OF LAND, with the ERIE RAILROAD, in the southwestern corner of Broad and Belvidere streets, in the city of Richmond, fronting 40 feet on

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